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1. WITH NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN PROCESS OF SEEKING PARLIAMENTARY INVESTITURE; WITH STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT PRIOR TO DEC 15 THERE WILL BE USG-GOT DISCUSSIONS AT HIGH LEVELS AND IN DEPTH OF ENTIRE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND ITS IMPACT ON USG-GOT RELATIONSHIP; WITH NEA MANDATE GIVEN KARAMANLIS' GOVERNMENT; AND WITH MAKARIOS FACTOR PROBABLY RETURNING TO THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION ON THE ISLAND, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO STATE WITH ANY CONFIDENCE WHAT GOT ATTITUDE TOWARD UNFICYP WILL BE AT CONFIDENTIAL

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TIME OF MID-DECEMBER SC CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF

UNFICYPT MANDATE.

2. WE DO, HOWEVER, POSIT THE FOLLOWING: IF OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS TURKS FEEL THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING GREEK AND GREEK-CYPRIOT ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF BI-ZONAL FEDERATIVE STATE ON CYPRUS, THEY SHOULD BE FAIRLY RELAXED ON QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF UNFICYPT MANDATE FOR SIX MORE MONTHS, AND MIGHT WELL BE PERSUADED TO COOPERATE TO SEE THAT EXTENSION IS ACCOMPLISHED AS ROUTINELY AS POSSIBLE. IF THERE HAS NOT BEEN SUCH PROGRESS, HOWEVER, TURKS WILL PROBABLY, AS FORECASE IN PARA 3 OF NICOSIA'S 3984, INSIST THAT SC RENEWAL RESOLUTION INCORPORATE REFERENCE TO TWO COMMUNITIES ON ISLAND, ON EQUAL BASIS.

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